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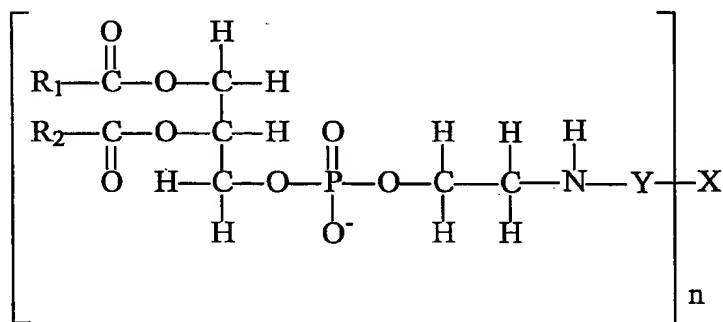
Claims 70-89 are pending.

Claims 70-74 have been amended. Applicant has added new claims 80-89. The support for the amended claim 70 is found in paragraphs [0138]-[0143]. The support for the amended claim 71 is found in paragraphs [0149]-[0154]. The support for the amended claim 72 is found in paragraphs [0155]-[0161]. The support for the amended claims 73-74 is found in paragraphs [0163]-[0169].

The support for the new claims 80-89 is found in paragraphs [0134]-[0135] of the Specification.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims and the additional claims add no new matter. Applicant requests the Examiner to enter the Amendment.

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following compound:



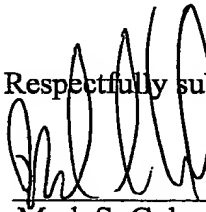
wherein X is chondroitin sulfate; Y is nothing; R₁ and R₂ are alkyl chains.

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Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the specification were conducted to correct typographical and clerical errors.

No fee is deemed necessary for filing this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the undersigned Attorney hereby authorizes the United States Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account 05-0649.

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